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SUBJ UN UNDER SECRETARY GUYER ON MIDDLE EAST

1. DURING MY COURTESY CALL JANUARY 22, UN UNDER SECRETARY GUYER VOICED PERSONAL VIEW THAT SECRETARY'S LATEST TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST HAD BEEN ESSENTIAL AND THAT WITHOUT IT, EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI MILITARY TALKS IN GENEVA COULD HAVE DRAGGED ON FOR MONTHS, WITH STEADY HARDENING OF PARTIES' POSITIONS. HE ALSO WAS OF OPINION THAT NEW VISIT BY SECRETARY TO AREA WOULD BE EVEN MORE NECESSARY TO BRING ABOUT SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT, AS GUYER HAD FOUND PARTIES' POSITIONS ALREADY VERY HARD WHEN HE VISITED DAMASCUS AND JERUSALEM LATE LAST YEAR.

2. GUYER SAID WALDHEIM HAD JUST INFORMED HIM NO ACTION ON MIDDLE EAST WAS TO BE EXPECTED IN GENEVA FOR NEXT 30-40 DAYS, AND HE WAS TO RETURN TO NEW YORK IMMINENTLY, ALTHOUGH HE COULD RETURN ANY TIME THAT US THOUGHT IT NECESSARY. GUYER PRIVATELY QUESTIONED WHETHER UN HAD NEEDED REPRESENTATION IN GENEVA AT UNDER SECRETARY LEVEL DURING EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI MILITARY TALKS HERE. HE SAID LEVEL WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN REDUCED, HAD SOVIET AMBASSADOR VINOGRADOV NOT
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REFUSED BRIEFINGS BY GENERAL SIILASVUO AND INSISTED GUYER AS UNDER SECRETARY GIVE BRIEFINGS IN PERSON.

3. GUYER SAID VINOGRADOV HAD BEEN "CLIMBING THE WALLS"

SINCE I LEFT GENEVA. HE HAD TRIED IN VARIETY OF WAYS TO INVOLVE
SOVIETS IN MILITARY TALKS AND TO START NEW ASPECTS AT CONFERENCE.
IN GUYER'S OPINION, SOVIET FRUSTRATION WOULD ONLY CONTINUE
AND WORSEN IN COMING WEEKS, AS SYRIA LIKE EGYPT RECOGNIZED
THAT ONLY US HAD INFLUENCE IN ISRAEL. ONLY IF USSR WOULD
SUDDENLY LAUNCH EFFORT TO REESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL
(A POSSIBILITY WHICH GUYER THOUGHT SHOULD BY NO MEANS BE
EXCLUDED), COULD SOVIETS PLAY ANY REAL ROLE.BASSIN

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